Decline in Wheat Export

931. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wheat export is not increasing;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the necessary steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Study on problems faced by fruit growers

†932. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as a result of allowing import of apple and other fruits under the Open General Licence, the fruit growers of Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir are being adversely affected;

(b) if so, whether a survey or a study has been conducted or proposed to be conducted to assess the adverse effect; and

(c) the facilities being provided to them for increasing this exports of apple and other fruits by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) to (c) Representations have been received from some fruit growers including the Government of Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir regarding the likely adverse impact of imports on

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